

to the office of Warden until twelve months after he shall have vacated his place, and regarding this provision in the law as equivalent to declaring that the moment an individual shall have become qualified by experience, properly to discharge the duties of the post, he shall not be eligible to it, they are of opinion that this law is injurious to the best interests of the State, and ought to be repealed.

Your committee in examining the dormitory or cells in which the prisoners are confined at night, are of the opinion that the building is not sufficiently ventilated, and in consequence the health of the convicts may be impaired by the foul and noxious air that must necessarily accumulate in such a building. Your committee would recommend to the Directors of the Institution, that they use means to have this building more thoroughly ventilated, in such a manner as may to them seem most practicable. We also recommend the lighting of this building in the evening, immediately after the prisoners are confined in their cells, by having placed in front of the door of each cell, a gas burner, by which arrangement those prisoners that would be so disposed, could read and receive moral instruction from such books as could be furnished them by order of the Directors, Warden, Deputy Warden or other persons having charge of this building.

Your committee cannot close this report without bearing testimony to the admirable and efficient manner in which the Directors and other officers having the Penitentiary in charge, have discharged their duty. Your committee find every department of the Prison in most admirable order, and think the Directors and other officers deserve the thanks of the community for the faithful manner in which they have conducted its affairs.

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